

Idiopathic guttate hypomelanosis

progressive macular hypomelanosis

* 2-5 mm flat white spots
Found on the Shins and Forearms (sun exposed parts)

* affects fair skinned individuals

* well circumscribed macules with no scaling or atrophy

Cause: —

* Theories: —

* Sun damage ~~is~~

* Non sun related
Seborrheic keratosis

* Not preceded by inflammation

* larger circular areas
mostly located on the trunk

* affects dark skinned individuals

* poorly defined circular lesions

Theories

* genetic factor

* Acne bacteria propionibacter have been found in some cases

* not preceded by inflammation

Diagnosis

* Skin biopsy

① No melanin in skin cells

② ↓↓ melanocytes

③ thinner skin

Skin biopsy

① ↓↓ melanin

② normal melanocytes

③ ~~skin~~ No skin thinning

(NB)

Some consider it as apart of aging and needs

No ttt
(Treatment) to improve appearance: —

① light cryotherapy

② dermabrasion

③ tretinoin cream

④ cosmetic cover up

Treatment

① NB - UVB

② oral tetracycline

③ topical acne preparation

④ isotretinoin

Progressive macular Hypomelanosis

- It's acquired hypomelanosis may be due to p. Acne in hair follicles.

- site: trunk sparing face, neck.

- c/p: hypopigmented macules, nummular, confluent, symmetric & ill-defined borders.

- ↓ melanin pigment
- No scales

- pink fluorescence on wood's light

- tt:
 - 5% Benzoyl peroxide
 - 1% clindamycin

Idiopathic guttate hypomelanosis.

- It's acquired Leukoderma of unknown cause.

- site: sun-exposed area & ↑ age.

- c/p: hypopigmented macules, oval, rounded, tear-shaped & sharp borders.

- No scales.

- No fluorescence.

- tt:
 - intralesional injection of triamcinolone @ topical
 - sun screens
 - autologous minigrafting.

* D.D of vitiligo

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other Causes of hypopigmentation:

- ① Nevus anemicus
- ② halo nevus
- ③ post-inflammatory hypopigmentation/depigment.
- ④ chemical leukoderma
- ⑤ Nevus depigmentosus (early onset)
- ⑥ Leukoderma associated & scleroderma
- ⑦ pityriasis versicolor
- ⑧ pityriasis alba
- ⑨ Cutaneous manifestation of leprosy, treponematoses (endemic &), onchocerciasis
- ⑩ prior & potent corticosteroids.
- ⑪ mycosis fungoides mimicking vitiligo
- ⑫ vogt-koyanagi-harada &
- ⑬ idiopathic guttate hypomelanosis
- ⑭ piebaldism ⑮ IGH, PMH

① Nevus anemicus :

- present at birth
- patch appear paler than the surrounding skin
- due to vasoconstriction of blood vessel
- its ill-defined, rubbing surrounding skin
↳ make subtle lesion more prominent

② Halo Nevus :

- Central uniformly coloured nevus
- Surrounded by peripheral halo of hypopigmentation



③ post-inflammatory hypo/de pigment
(after psoriasis, eczema...)
• There is H/o of pre existing dermatoses

④ pie baldism:

- present at birth
- circumscribed, stable
- white patch
- affecting Centra face & focalized poliosis.

⑤ pityriasis versicolor:

- mycologic examination: reveals hyphae, spores.

⑥ pityriasis alba.

- seen mainly in Children
- scaly hypopigmented patches
- & in distinct border (poorly-defined)
- Commonly on face, Neck.

⑦ Cutaneous manifestations of leprosy.
• anaesthetic disturbance of sense (loss of sensation)

⑧ chemical leukoderma.

- It occurs in workers exposed to PSPs (para-substituted phenolic compounds) / Confetti macules.
- No Leukotrichia, No Alopecia A.
- white-off white.

⑨ Vogt - Koyanagi - Harada S.

- Aseptic meningitis → initial symptom
- followed by
 - Uveitis
 - vitiligo
 - poliosis of eyelashes / eye brows
 - deafness
 - Alopecia areata

⑩ Leukoderma associated & scleroderma:

- hardening, sclerosis of skin
- Sclerodactyly
- periangual telangiectasia
- Calcinosis

⑪ Onchocerciasis:

- Severe itching
- blindness
- Called river blindness

• Caused by bite of black fly (beside river)

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(I) Daily application of sunscreens: broad spectrum with $\text{SPF} > 30$ e.g. Spectraban, Photoban max.

(II) Bleaching preparation

A - Hydroquinone (HQ) 2-4% e.g. Eloderm 2%

M.O.A. \rightarrow Tyrosinase inhibition
 \rightarrow Melanocyte DNA & RNA ~~int~~ synthesis inhibition.

Side effects: irritation, transient or permanent depigmentation.

\odot Onychomycosis

\odot Allergic contact dermatitis

- Carcinogenic in animal studies but not proven in clinical studies.

B - Tretinoin gel 0.05% alone or with Hydroquinone.
Tretinoin ~~hydroquinone~~ facilitates absorption of penetration of hydroquinone.

M.O.A. \rightarrow Tyrosinase inhibition
 \rightarrow \uparrow Keratinocyte turnover
 \rightarrow \uparrow Keratinocyte pigment granule dispersal.

S/E: Erythema, irritation & desquamation

ⓐ Azelaic acid (20%) e.g. S

example: Skinoren

M.O.A → Tyrosinase inhibition
 → melanocyte proliferation inhibition
 → P53 suppression
 → Selective effects on hyperactive & abnormal melanocytes

Azelaic acid + tretinoin → more effective than azelaic acid alone

& superior to hydroquinone

S/E → irritation, pruritus & erythema

ⓑ Kojic acid 2-4%

M.O.A → Tyrosinase inhibition
 → by chelation of Copper essential for tyrosinase

S/E → Irritation & Sensitization

ⓒ N-acetyl 4-S acetylcysteine aminophenol

III) Combined preparations

- Glycolic acid and hydroquinone preparations. Combinations.

- Tretinoin containing combinations

e.g. Kligman's formula

Hydroquinone
2-4%

tretinoin
0.05%

Vitamin C

dexamethasone
0.1%

* Vitamin C \rightarrow keep the formula stable for long period

steroid \rightarrow to reduce irritation caused by tretinoin

IV) Chemical peeling

- M.A.A \rightarrow

Removal of melanin through thinning of stratum corneum & epidermolysis

S/E \rightarrow erythema, atrophy, Scarring, hypopigmentation, post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation

Example: TCA (trichloroacetic acid 30-35%)

Jessener's solution

glycolic acid 50-70%

Types: - superficial peels \rightarrow remove stratum corneum
enhance penetration of bleaching agent

Deep peels \rightarrow remove epidermal & dermal pigment
- post peel hydroquinone or tretinoin or corticosteroids are required for all peels

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Q 6 Different Fitzpatrick skin types.

This classification is based on the person's reaction to sun exposure

Type I : Always burns , Never tans

Type II : Usually burns than tans.

Type III : May burn , tans well.

Type IV : Rarely burn , tan well.

Type V : Rarely burns , tan dark easily

Type VI : Never burn , always tan darkly.



Q.7 Skin Chromophore

- Skin Chromophores are the targets of Selective photothermolysis (i.e. selective destruction of these targets while sparing surrounding structures).
- Important chromophores in skin include:
 - 1- Haemoglobin (present in dermal vascular network)
 - 2- Melanin (found on melanocytes & nearby epi. cells & hair)
 - 3- Water (Constitute major component of every cell)
- Each chromophore selectively absorbs light of certain wavelengths "absorption spectrum".
- Selective destruction of certain target necessitate adjustment of 3 laser parameters
 - ① wave length
 - ② power
 - ③ pulse duration.

Chromophore	Absorption spectrum	Applications.
① Hb	UV visible near IR	Vascular lesions
② Melanin	UV visible near IR	pigmented lesions, & Hair reduction
③ water	Mid-far IR	- Skin resurfacing - Vaporization of epi & dermal lesions as (warts)



Etiologic theories

Q8 Pathogenesis of vitiligo?



1. **Autoimmune hypothesis:** This is suggested by:

- The frequent association with other autoimmune diseases, e.g. thyroid disease (30%), pernicious anemia, Addison's disease, diabetes mellitus, alopecia areata, halo nevus, chronic mucocutaneous candidiasis (CMCC) and uveitis.

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- **Humoral immunity:** Autoantibodies are directed against several melanocyte antigens such as:

- Tyrosinase.
- Tyrosinase-related proteins 1 (TYRP1).
- Dopachrome tautomerase.
- Melanin-concentrating hormone receptor-1 (MCHR1).
- Transcription factor SOX10.

The frequent, simultaneous presentation of vitiligo with melanoma is due to the presence of anti-melanoma Abs destroying normal melanocytes in patients with metastatic disease.

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- **Cellular immunity:**

- Infiltration of CD8+ T cells into perilesional vitiligo skin.
- Skin-homing, melanocyte-specific cytotoxic T-cells (e.g. against surface proteins such as Melan-A/MART-1) frequently detectable in the peripheral blood of vitiligo patients.

2. **An intrinsic defect in melanocytes:**

A) **Structural and functional abnormalities of melanocytes:**

- o Dilation of the rough endoplasmic reticulum.
- o Abnormal synthesis/processing of TYRP1. *Tyrosinase related protein*
- o Increased sensitivity to oxidative stress (e.g. UVB).

B) **Defective melanocyte adhesion** → Detachment and transepidermal loss of melanocytes (melanocytorrhagy).

NB: Induction of detachment by mechanical stress can explain the Koebner phenomenon.

C) **Reduced melanocyte survival and dysregulation of melanocyte apoptosis.**

Deficiency of factors important for melanocyte maintenance (e.g. stem cell factor "SCF", microphthalmia-associated transcription factor "MITF").

3. **Melanocyte self-destructive hypothesis:**

- Melanocytes are destroyed by toxic substances formed as part of normal melanin biosynthesis, e.g. dopa and dopachrome.
- Inhibition of thioredoxin reductase a free radical scavenger on the membrane of melanocytes, it is inhibited by calcium; so high extracellular Ca causes increased superoxide radicals leading to inhibition of tyrosinase by upsetting equilibrium of oxidized and reduced thioredoxin in epidermis.

4. **Neural theory:**

- Neurochemical mediators from the nearby nerve endings would be involved in the destruction of melanocytes. This provides an explanation for segmental vitiligo.
- There is increased sweating and vasoconstriction in the affected area that may be due to increased adrenergic activity.

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- ① Ocular manifestation in both (OCA, OA)
 - reduction of melanin pigment within eye structures → Translucent iris that transmits light upon globe transillumination
 - relatively hypopigmented retina, fovea leading to:
 - * photophobia
 - * decreased visual acuity
 - * severity of the findings correlates with the amount of reduction of melanin pigment
 - mis routing of optic nerve fibres during development →
 - * strabismus
 - * Nystagmus
 - * Binocular vision loss

o% Pigmentary ::

Q10 DD of acquired hypomelanosis?

1. Vitiligo.

(Acquired destruction of melanocytes).

2. Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome.

(Due to aberrant migration or survival of melanocytes).

3. Chemical or drug-induced leukoderma.

4. Post-inflammatory hypopigmentation.

5. Pityriasis Versicolor.

6. Cutaneous infection (e.g. leprosy).

7. Treatment with potent topical corticosteroid may lead to hypomelanosis.